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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.53
ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 8 as follows:

3. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein one of said first and second coupler portions comprises a bulb and the other of said first and second coupler portions comprises a socket sized so that said bulb may be closely received within said socket, said seal being sized and shaped to be inserted between said bulb and socket to form a liquid tight seal.

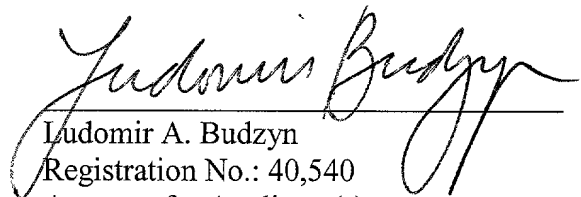
8. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said seal is in the form of a ring which is generally wedge shaped in cross section and which has an inner seal surface, an outer seal surface and a bottom thrust face.

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 8 have been amended to avoid multiple dependencies. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, the undersigned would be pleased to address them by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION OF AMENDMENT WITH MARKINGS
SHOWING CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) The device of claim[s] 1 [or 2] wherein one of said first and second coupler portions comprises a bulb and the other of said first and second coupler portions comprises a socket sized so that said bulb may be closely received within said socket, said seal being sized and shaped to be inserted between said bulb and socket to form a liquid tight seal.

8. (Amended) The device of claim[s] 1 [or 2] wherein said seal is in the form of a ring which is generally wedge shaped in cross section and which has an inner seal surface, an outer seal surface and a bottom thrust face.